

Systematic Theology II
(Ecclesiology: The Theology of Church)
Course Outline

Course Description:

Systematic Theology II is the continuation of a series of three courses.

Ecclesiology comes from the Greek words *ecclesia* (church/assembly) and *ology* (study of) and refers to the study of the church. In Christian systematic theology, ecclesiology is one of the major areas of study and investigates what the Bible teaches about the church both universal (all believers in Christ) and local (local gatherings of believers in Christ).

Ecclesiology helps us to understand the role of the church and our role in the church. It teaches us about the ordinances of the church, how church leadership is to be chosen and structured, and what the church is to be doing in regards to believers (worship and discipleship) and unbelievers (ministry and evangelism). A Biblical understanding of Ecclesiology would go a long way to correct many of the common problems in churches today. Above all, we must understand that the church is the Body of Christ and that each of us has a specific function and role within that body.

Spring Term: 2021

Course Schedule:

April	
4	Introduction to Ecclesiology: The Theology of Church. What is the church? Many people today understand the church to be a building. This is not the biblical understanding of the church. The root meaning of “church” is not that of a building, but of people.
11	Church in Contrasts Church as Local and Universal, Organization and Organism, Visible and Invisible.
18	The Role of the Holy Spirit in the Church
25	Life of the Church: The purposes / activities of the church according to Scripture.
May	
2	What is the importance of Christian Baptism and the Lord’s Supper? Ordinance vs sacrament
9	Mission of the Church: In Relationship to the World

16	Church discipline
23	What does the Bible say about the form of church government / leadership part 1? Church Ministry Role.
30	What does the Bible say about the form of church government / leadership part 1? Women and Church Office.

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